

Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



2000–2005 Project Profile

Northern Native American Health Alliance (NNAHA)

NNAHA is a regional health alliance whose members are the Bad River, Red Cliff, St. Croix and Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa tribes of northern Wisconsin, near Lake Superior. The alliance serves 7,000 members and operates from the Bad River Tribe's reservation.

Injury Topics addressed by 2000–2005 Program (*in order of intensity*):

Child Passenger Safety
Fire/Burn Safety
Pedestrian Safety
Seatbelt Safety
Poison/Choking Prevention
Roadway Safety
Bike Safety Playground Safety
Dog Bite Safety Water Safety

Injury Prevention Program Staff



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Tenure: 1/1/2001 – present

Training: IHS Levels I-II Injury Prevention Courses, Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician



Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Fire Departments • Police Departments • Local Businesses • Media • IP Coalitions • Government officials • Wisconsin DOT • Head Start • Local Schools • SAFE KIDS • Indian Health Service • Emergency Management • Bureau of Indian Affairs • State Agencies

Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

Program Activities

- Planned and established a pedestrian path.
- Established turning and blow-by lanes in Bad River and St. Croix, WI.
- Reduced the speed limit from 55 mph to 50 mph on Highway 2.
- Assisted in the implementation of smoke alarm and carbon monoxide distribution programs and occupant restraint initiatives.
- Provided assistance and support to four Injury Prevention Coalitions (e.g., IP training, CPS technician training, grant writing workshops, assistance with coalition recruitment, program planning and implementation).
- Served as a resource to Bemidji Area IHS IP program by hosting IP Levels I and II courses and the IHS IP Fellowship Field Course '02 (Lac Courte Oreilles).

Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Car Seats/Carbon Monoxide Detectors (IHS Bemidji Area special projects).
- Playground Safety & Pedestrian Safety (Bad River).
- Smoke Alarms – IHS Sleep Safe Program (St. Croix, Red Cliff).
- Car Seats – IHS Ride Safe Program (St. Croix, Red Cliff).
- IHS 2005–2010 TIPCAP Program funding.

Presentations Given to Promote AI/AN Injury Prevention

- CDC Safety In Numbers (2003) – Atlanta, GA.
- IHS Indian Health Summit (2004) – Washington, DC.

